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SUBJECT: "THE PROTESTANT ETHIC" - THE INDIAN PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE ON REPUBLIC DAY.

1. PRESIDENT FADRUDDIN ALI AHMED IN THE NNUAL REPUBLIC
DAY MESSAGE TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE REECHOES THEMES WHICH HAVE
MARKED SIMILAR MESSAGES FOR AT LEAST THE LAST TEN YEARS:
THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE TO INDIAN DEMOCRACY,
THE NEED TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO OVERCOME HEAVY
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE LAGGARD PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN AGRI-
CULTURE, THE NEED FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE WELL-TO-DO TO
YIELD TO CONCERN FOR THE POOR. FAKRUDDIN EMPHASIZES THAT
"THERE IS NO EASY WAY OUT EXCEPT THROUGH SUSTAINED AND DIS-
CIPLINED WORK. WE AS A NATION MUST IMBIBE THE ETHICS OF
HARD AND HONEST WORK." THE MESSAGE ENDS ON A THEME OF OPTI-
MISIM AND AGAIN A PLEA FOR PROGRESS THROUGH "THE STRAIGHT
PATH OF UNITY, DISCIPLINE, HARD AND HONEST WORK.. MAY GOD
GUIDE US ON THE RIGHT PATH."

2. COMMENT: WE WENT BACK AND REFRESHED OUR MEMORIES
ON THE LAST TEN SUCH PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES AND WERE
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FRANKLY SURPRISED TO FIND THE REGULARITY WITH WHICH

"VIOLENCE" AND THE THREAT IT POTENTIALLY POSED TO INDIAN
DEMOCRACY FIGURES AT OR CLOSE TO THE FRONT OF EACH MESSAGE.
IT SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE IMMINENCE OF THIS PROBLEM
IN INDIAN POLITICAL LIFE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE
LAST DECADE, HOWEVER, THAT THE "PROTESTANT ETHIC" HAS BEEN
ARTICULATED AS BLUNTLY AND EXPLICITLY AS THE ONLY REMEDY
FOR INDIA'S PROBLEMS. IT IS IN FAKRUDDIN ALI AHMED'S
FIRST MESSAGE.
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